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*We wish all our Members & Readers
a Merry Christmas and a
Happy & Healthy New Year.*

The moated Castle "Warmelo" in Diepenheim. This Castle was built in 1315, but it was destroyed and rebuilt several times. It is private property, but its famous gardens are open to the public every summer. Princess Armgard, the mother of Prince Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld, who was Queen Juliana's husband, lived there until her death in 1971. More on this Castle, the City of Diepenheim in Het Hof van Twente (Overijssel) on pages 22 & 23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and its Sub-Clubs for December this year and for early 2023.

December 2022

Sunday 4	<u>Sunday Drive</u> <i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i> <i>More details on page 18.</i>	10.30 am
Thurs 1	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u> <i>Break-up 1st December.</i>	10am
Wed 7	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u> <i>Break-up 7th December.</i>	11am
Thurs 1, 8	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u> <i>Break-up on the 8th December.</i>	7pm
Mon 5, 12	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u> <i>Break-up 12th December.</i>	9.30am

January 2023

Sun 1	<u>Unox Nieuwsjaars Duik</u>	
Sun 15	<u>Juniors Club Rottneest Daytrip & Dinner</u> <i>More information on page 21.</i>	
Thurs 26	<u>Neerlandia Seniors Club</u>	10am
Thurs 26	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Cards</u>	7pm
Friday 27	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> <i>Myaree</i>	6.30 am

February 2023

Sunday 5	<u>Sunday Drive</u> <i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i> <i>More details on page 18.</i>	10.30 am
Wed 1,15	<u>Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 2,9,16,23	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Cards</u>	7pm
Mon 6,13,20,27	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Sat 4,11,18,25	<u>Dutch Singers</u> <i>Morley Windmills</i>	
Sun 19	<u>Neerlandia Juniors Club</u> <u>Ice Skating & Dinner</u>	
Fri 24	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> <i>At Morley Windmills</i>	6.30pm

March 2023

Sun 19	<u>Around the world Lunch</u>	
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Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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President's Report.

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another year. And what a year it has been. On the world stage, it has been a frightening year. However, there is hope that cool heads will prevail and we will come through this crisis unscathed.

From a Neerlandia perspective we have had an outstanding year with lots of new events that have been very well supported by you, our loyal Members. Please continue to attend as many of the events that you can in 2023. Your Committee has worked hard in producing a very attractive Events Calendar which has been included with your December 2022/ January 2023 issue of our Neerlandia Magazine. It is our gift to you in the hope you will display it proudly within your home and that you refer to it often to see what is on the agenda each month.

At the time of writing, our printers have indicated that both the Magazine and Calendar can be sent together. However, should Australia Post rule differently to the understanding of our printers, there may be a delay. Please bear with us as we will endeavour to get this to you as soon as possible. It is my hope this comment proves to have been unnecessary.

Included with this magazine is your Membership renewal form for 2023. We encourage you to complete and return your renewal form together with your payment as early as possible. I remind you that by being a full financial Member, you gain all the benefits such as discounted prices to our events. By attending 2 to 3 events, you will have recouped your annual Membership fee.

The past month has been full of wonderful activities. The Leeuwin 400 festival on

Sunday 30th of October was a resounding success. The Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Australia, Mrs. Marion Derckx laid a Commemorative plaque to mark this 400th anniversary. It was a very proud time to represent Neerlandia and to be Dutch. See the full report in this magazine.

Then a new event was on the agenda. And what an excellent event it was. The Auto Puzzel Tocht (Car Rally) on Saturday 5th November was attended by 12 cars with cryptic clues as to where to go. Each destination had a Dutch connection. Read all about it in this magazine.

Another new event has taken place, and this saw 12 members come together and learn how to make the traditional Dutch Kerstkrans or Kerststaaf. It was heartening to see younger members taking part in this new activity. They will have learnt a valuable Dutch custom which they can repeat for their own future families, and thereby maintain this Dutch tradition.

Lastly, our Christmas Lunch on the 27th of November is shaping up to be another most enjoyable event. Many guests will be delighted to have been able to take home their Placemat with a beautiful picture painted by Anton Pieck. In addition, many would have been challenged answering the 25 questions, all of which depicted a certain place in the world. Only those who have travelled widely would identify most photos. Others would simply have created a giggle as to the description or cryptic clue. Also, many Members would have walked home with a small prize from our lucky number raffle. A full report will be published in our February 2023 magazine.

On behalf of your Neerlandia Committee, I wish you all a very safe, joyful and Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy, and safe New year for 2023.

Please remain vigilant with your health. Covid is still in the Community, and it is mutating all the time. Respiratory illnesses can become serious infections if not seen to early enough. Warnings have been issued of a new wave in the Eastern States. Now that our borders are open once again, it can travel here without any hindrance.

Jan Zwartkruis,

Neerlandia Auto Puzzel Tocht & Car Rally - 1

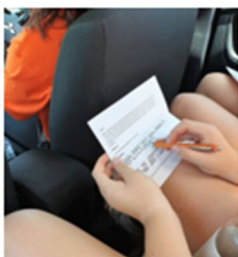
Neerlandia Auto Puzzel Tocht - Car Rally 2022



On Saturday the 5th of November, the Rhein Donau Club carpark in Myaree was a sea of orange shirts, with forty-eight Neerlandia Members and non-Members of all ages, gathering for the inaugural 2022 Auto Puzzel Tocht – Car Rally. The weather was glorious for a day of excitement and fun, solving various clues and seeing some of the beautiful sights of Perth and Fremantle.



After receiving their starter packs, which consisted of a welcome letter, clues and bonus puzzles as well as an orange pen, a Neerlandia car flag and complimentary water bottles, all 12 teams set off at midday.



It wasn't long until we received photos of teams getting to their first destination and sending in their completed bonus activity sheets.



Neerlandia Auto Puzzel Tocht & Car Rally - 2

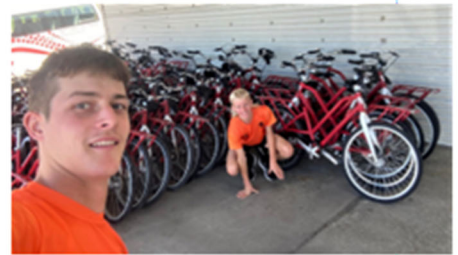
As Melissa, Machiel and Helen headed to the final destination to await the arrival of the teams, it became apparent that some teams were having a few navigation issues and one team ended up in Rockingham and another in Kwinana, which were nowhere near the actual locations!



Team "Cruisers" : Henk, Sandra & John.



Team "De Geuzen."



Team "Booster Seat" : Darcy & Isaac.



Team "Fast & Furious" : Hans, Karina, Noah & Eligh.



Team "De Krocketters."

We thoroughly enjoyed receiving team selfies at each location



Team "De Oude Grapjassen."



Team "Drie kleine kleuters" : Babette, Alida & Jenny.



"Team Topless."



Team "Top Auto" : Ian, Yvonne, Liam, Aiden & Damon.



Team "Vandijs"



Team "Hot Wheels."



Team "Born2Run" : Richard & Ellen.



Team "De Geuzen" : Mandy, Steven, Andrew & Baukje.

Car Rally - 3



What's the next clue?



Team "Top Auto."



Team "Hot Wheels."



"Team Topless" : Jari, Ruby & Peter.



Team "Booster Seat."



Team "Vandijks" : Belinda, Rob, Dylan & Lucas.



Team "De Oude Grapiassen" : Aiden, Eric, Justin & Rod.



Was this a trick question? After 15 minutes of searching this is the only "bow" we could find.... or did you mean a selfie with a "hull" Melissa?



Team "De Kroknetters" : Rajan, Barbara, Niek & Cas.

Testimonials.

"Thank you to the people who organised the puzzle car tour. We all had a great time. We started with panic, arguments, and after we got ourselves organised we calmed down and got on with the assignments step by step. We had so much fun and it was great catching up afterwards with everyone. Personally, I have learned much about our own family after 3 hours in the same car together resolving, initially unstructured, challenging tasks. Dank je wel. Groetjes." Hans op den Dries on behalf of Team Fast & Furious 1st place winners of the Auto Puzzle Tocht.

"What a wonderful and fun filled day we had at the car rally. We went to lots of different locations which all had a Dutch theme. This was a great learning experience of Dutch culture for our grandchildren. So well organised and the picnic in Kings Park allowed everyone to meet and mingle." an Hyde on behalf of Team Top Auto, 2nd place winners of the Auto Puzzle Tocht.

"I had a great time doing the Car Rally even though we came last. It was hard for me, even with the help of navigation and google maps. Rockingham Rd was tricky with too many numbers, so we ended up in Kwinana! HELP!!!! Back on track even though these grey nomads still had trouble with the clues. Oh well, better luck next year." Babette Van Dijk on behalf of Team Drie Kleine kleuters Wooden Spoon winners. (last place)

"Our team really enjoyed the day, it was nice to go to different places we hadn't visited before and see around Perth. It was fun to figure out the clues for each location and it was good all working together. Definitely something we would do again!"

Clarissa Sack on behalf of Hot Wheels.

Car Rally - 4



One by one the teams arrived at the final destination in Kings Park, some more successful than others in completing their ten challenges. Whilst marking and tallying points began of the 12 teams, all participants chose a beverage of their choice at the Zamia Café, compliments of Neerlandia and enjoyed a communal picnic, with a huge selection of delicious food brought by each team to share. It was wonderful seeing everyone socializing and meeting new faces, some even newly arrived in Perth.

A big thankyou to Toon & Hanny Kamps, who assisted us on the day.

The Grand Prize, a \$250 dinner voucher for Panchos Mexican Restaurant in East Vic Park was awarded to the winning team **Fast & Furious** (Hans, Karina, Noah & Eligh op den Dries) who had the most points and a perfect score of 205 at the end of the Auto **Puzzel Tocht**.



This was very closely followed by two teams who both came in with a total 204 points each. After a quick game of rolling the dice, the first team to throw a "6" was declared the winner of second place. Team **Top Auto** (Ian & Yvonne Hyde, Aiden, Liam & Damon Sack) were the lucky recipients of a \$150 dinner voucher at Olive & Oscars restaurant in Applecross.



In final place, we saw Team **Drie Kleine Kleuters** (Babette Van Dijk, Alida Reitzenstein & Jenny Geurts) come in with a total of 81 points to receive the Wooden Spoon Award being a \$50 Café voucher at the Little Stove Café in Bicton.

We hope you all enjoy some of the photos taken by the teams during their quests, as well as some testimonials of the teams who participated.

We, the Auto **Puzzel Tocht** - Car Rally organisers would like to thank the Neerlandia Club for sponsoring this fun event. We appreciate all the lovely feedback we have received from participants.

We look forward to offering you all the opportunity to partake in the next Auto **Puzzel Tocht – Car Rally on Saturday 25th of November 2023.**

Helen, Melissa and Machiel.



The Rally organisers: Machiel, Melissa & Helen with helpers Toon & Hanny Kamps.

Final Team Scores

Team name	Total Points	Place
Fast & Furious	205	1st place
Top Auto	204	2nd *
Vandijks	204	
Hot Wheels	201	
Team Topless	192	
Born2Run	188	
De Krokettors	184	
De oude Grapjassen	164	
De Geuzen	157	
Cruisers	152	
Booster Seat	110	
Drie kleine kleuters	81	Wooden Spoon award

* 1st to throw a 6 on dice to resolve the tie



Team "Hot Wheels" : Clarissa, Emma, Chloe, Kaitlyn & Hannah.

Well done ladies, you were the only team to have all five team members in every photo you submitted!

Do you require Assistance?

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, you may become bewildered by the many things you now need to do.

Know, that amongst the Neerlandia Members, there are people, who have the expertise to assist you.

Please contact one of the Neerlandia Committee Members and they we will put you into contact with the people, who can assist.

The Neerlandia Committee.

Thank you!!

Peter Rietveld and his family wish to sincerely thank our Neerlandia friends who attended Anne's funeral and also for the many cards received.

What a loss.

She will always be in my heart.

Peter Rietveld.

Editorial.

November Magazine:

First of all our apologies that the November magazine was late. However, our E-copy receivers were not affected and they did receive it on the first of November, as planned.

With the hard printed copy it was a different story. It all started when Joke and I went to Albany for 5 days and I rushed to complete the magazine in order to send it to the printer before we went away.

When a technical problem was detected with the magazine, I was not available to assist. The problem was solved just the same, but it cost valuable time.

Hick-up number 2 was the extremely slow mail delivery by Australia Post. They do apologise all the time, but that does not get things done.

The worst part of all was that both Joke and I both returned with Covid. Where exactly we picked it up, we will never know, as everyone we had had seen in Albany was unaffected.

But we are slowly on the mend and about 90 % back to normal at the time of writing.

Memberships:

A reminder that your Neerlandia Membership fees are due on the 1st of January.

Please pay early so that you can make full use of the sponsored Neerlandia events in 2023.

In closing I would like to thank all the Members that have submitted articles during the last 12 months, that made my task as editor so much easier.

And I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Pieter Leeftang, Editor



The Bingo Page - 1



NEERLANDIA BINGO

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.

Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: - Self Service.

Lunch: -A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7.50

The last game of the year is on 7/12/2022



Above are the players that attended on 12/10/202.

We had 38 players for Bingo on 12/10/2022 and once again two players played for free. They were:

Pam Uyen and Wilhellmina Keisler.

The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Connie van Emden** and **Jo van Gentevort** won the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates.

The \$25.00 bonus game 6 was won by **Henk Smit**, who collected a total of

\$49.00, well done to all the winners on the day.

The Jackpot game failed to go off within the required 57 balls and the prizemoney will jackpot for the next game, which means it will need 58 or less balls to be won.

In game 5 we had a false call for Bingo due to one number that was missing and not called out. However, luckily for that player, the missing number was called two balls later. Another incident was 74 being called instead of 47 needless to say I (Lou) was soon corrected and left red faced although no real harm was done, as 74 was already out.

We also held an auction for a hand made Bread Box, donated by **Freda Hovingh** in aid of **Dirk Heistek's** charity bike ride to raise money for the **MS Society of WA.**



Left to right: Nelia, Dirk, John and Freda.

Nelia Pumphrey won the box with a bid of \$40:00 which was added to the funds raised so far by **Dirk**. Manny thanks to **John Zwartkruis** for chairing the auction. We all had a lot of laughs with the friendly good humour and banter.

On 26/10/2022 there were 35 players at Bingo and two players played for free, they were **Henk Uyen and John Norder**. The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Dora van der List** and the box of Ferrero Chocolates, sponsored by Neerlandia, was won by **Freda Hovingh**. For the second time in a row **Henk Smit** won the \$25.00 bonus game. **Henk Uyen** won the full house game in 56 balls, (a pity it wasn't the jackpot game). Well done to all the winners. *(continued on the next page)*

The Bingo Page - 2



Henk Oorschot called the numbers, as Louis James was unavailable.

The Jackpot once again did not go off within the required 58 balls and it will jackpot for the next game day.

Jenny Norder picked up \$28.00 for the full house instead and also made a donation to the MS-tin. In game 5, the three left-end numbers, Henk Oorschot must have had a dyslexic episode, for he called 84 instead of 48.

Once again it



Dirk Heistek leading the field on the MS Charity Run.

was a small hiccup, because 48 came out 15 or so balls later.

\$5.00 was on offer for the 4 numbers and four players called Bingo and the prizes went once more in the MS fundraising tin. In game 8 two players won the \$5.00 and put the money in the MS tin as well. In game 9, the 3 right-end numbers, **Riet Oorschot and Henk Uyen** had the same numbers 74-82-85, the money also went in the MS bin.

Quite a bit of money was raised for a very worthy cause, as the photo of **Dirk Heistek** on his fundraising ride shows. At the half way mark we enjoyed our lunch and a good old chat. All in all we had an enjoyable day with laughs, jokes and friendly banter and look forward to the next game and whatever surprises may come along. Why not join us, you can only have a lot of fun and maybe win one or more prizes. The more players we have, the higher the prize money.



The Bingo Page - 3



NEERLANDIA BINGO played on 9 November 2022.

We had a total of 37 players, which meant that 2 people played for free.

We had a guest as well, Mavis Hughes, a neighbor of one of our players.

Game 2 was won by sisters **Alie Deurloo and Ida van der Kooij**.

Thea Bloks won game 4 in 59 balls, unfortunately it wasn't the jackpot game, which only needed 59 balls.

The bonus game was shared by **Helen Dans, Janice Raffaele and Mavis Hughes**. **Helen** also shared a line with **Mia Boshart**.

At one stage we had several balls rolling on the floor, they had bounced out of the Shute, much to the amusement of all the players. In game 5 it took 38 balls to get the 3 left-end numbers and only 13 more for the full house won by **Louise Loomans**.

Game 9, 3 right-end numbers went to **Hennie James** in 4 balls (84, 88, 21, 71) we haven't seen that before. We had a false call for the jackpot on the 59th ball, number 16 was marked off but not called. However, 16 came out two balls later and **Louise Loomans** won the full house.

Players will have an extra ball the next time they will play on the 23rd of November in order to win the Jackpot, (60 balls).

Once again we had a lot of laughs that went with the day, and if you also would like a bit of fun and a good laugh, come and join us, we'd love to entertain you.

Your Hosts:

John Zwartkruis & Lou James.

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Lou James 0427 018 777

All Bingo players wish all Neerlandia Members, their families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year, 2023.

The next game is on 23/11/2022.

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are provided: Self Service.

Lunch: A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7:50



Leeuwin Celebrations at Augusta - 1

Report on Leeuwin 400 – Augusta 30 Oct 2022

The shire of Augusta Margaret River celebrated an historic event on Sunday 30 October 2022. It was a celebration to commemorate, that this part of the WA coastline was charted for the very first time by a European ship, the “Leeuwin”, 400 years ago. The occasion actually was in March 1622, but due to COVID restrictions back in March, these celebrations were delayed until now.

The planned events were to take place in the grounds outside the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse. But, as is usual for the Augusta region, the weather was typically wet and windy. In fact, we learnt on the Saturday that there was a very large storm coming, that would hit the coast on Sunday morning. As we had taken the Sjoelbak down to provide entertainment for the kids, there was no possibility of exposing the Sjoelbak to the vagrancies of the weather. Luckily, the organising Committee switched the celebrations to an indoor facility and the weather now played no further part.



Dutch treats for the locals.

folklore that explained why certain things are just the way they are.

Apart from the Sjoelbak, we had a table filled with Dutch treats as can be seen by the photo. Stroopwafels, beschuit met Hagelslag, Speculaas, Drop, Sneetje brood met hagelslag. We even had a sandwich with a Speculaasje in between. Many people came to try the goodies, especially the children. The funniest experience was observing those children, who were very timid and stayed close to Mum or Dad but had their eyes longingly fixated on the goodies on our table. They were too shy to ask and when we offered them something they



sheltered even more behind Mum or Dad.

A Dutch Member had built a replica of the Leeuwin, and this was put on display for all to see.

Then there was the sibling rivalry when playing the Sjoelbak. We educated them on how the game was played.

It was odd that in almost



Replica of the Leeuwin.

Leeuwin Celebrations at Augusta - 2



Our Hon. Consul, Anthony Willinge could not resist a challenge.

4 out of 5 occasions, their first disk flew straight into the slot. At the completion of their turn, their score was provided, and once brothers and sisters had all completed their respective turns, you could hear the exclamations of: “Ha, Ha, Beat ya!!”

The Sjoelbak proved to be an attraction for young and old. Even our Honorary Patron, Anthony Willinge had a turn. The Shanty Singers from Bunbury “Anchormen” belted out some good old Australian Bush Ballads or songs to entertain the crowd. In another room Elly Spillekom had set up some other Dutch Games such as knocking down empty tins stacked up and rope pulling. Elly, as part of the Dutch Australia Foundation, also put on an exhibition with charts showing maps and historical data of the happenings under the stewardship of the VOC during the 17th and 18th Centuries.

Eventually, a plaque was unveiled by the Ambassador and the Aboriginal elder Zac Webb. This plaque was written in three languages. The language of the Wadandi people, English and Dutch. This plaque is now on display outside the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse.

The afternoon was yet another celebration of sorts. This time we had the famous Bill Bunbury, the historian, film producer and broadcaster from the ABC, who interviewed Professor Jeremy Green



Marianne Derckx & Zac Webb unveil the plaque.

& Professor Martijn Manders as well as Dr Nonja Peters. The exchange of information was very informative and gave everyone a greater insight in how Marine Archaeology came into its own profession and what challenges they needed to overcome in order to salvage

artifacts, such as from the wreck of the Batavia. This event took place in

“The Colourpatch Café” which is the last eating house before Antarctica.

It was an interesting and rewarding day. We spoke with several people, who were Dutch or had Dutch parentage. Even a few South Africans who could speak Afrikaans. We took

some old Neerlandia Magazines and a number of these were taken by different people.

John Zwartkruis, Babette van Dijk & Mieke van de Velde were our representatives. Thankyou Babette and Mieke for your assistance to make this day the success it was.

Jan Zwartkruis.



Leeuwin Celebrations at Augusta more images



The Lions Club of Augusta and the Lion's Club of Texel are now linked. This certificate shows the red Lighthouse of Texel and the white Lighthouse of Augusta.



L to R: Martijn Manders, President of Augusta, Margaret River Shire; Cr. Paula Cristoffani, Zac Webb, Ambassador Marianna Derckx; Alec Cole, CEO WA Museum and Anthony Willinge, our Hon. Patron.

Cooking Class

On Thursday 24th of November 12 people crowded into the kitchen at the Rhein Donau Club. Baukje Walkington stepped back into her teachers shoes and taught all of the attendees the way to make a Kerstkrans (Christmas Wreath, filled with Almond paste). Baukje, you may well have taught English and English Literature to Dutch Students in your earlier years, but you could just as easily have been teaching a Home Economics class or at a Hospitality Trade School such as TAFE. Your instructions were clear. You were patient and took the time to check with each adult student that the task had been completed successfully and where required, gave personal instructions or showed the person how to do it.



Back row: L to R: Rose-Marie McNamara, her brother Ron Beurs, John Zwartkruis, Sandra de Lange, Baukje Walkington, Babette van Dijk, Matthew van Dijk & Mandy Appelbee. Front row L to R: Clarissa Sack, Martina Koster, Luzia Johnstone & Emma Levy.

Whilst the Commercial Oven proved to be a challenge, you overcame the odds and managed to bake all 12 Kerstkransen at the same time. And look at the happy smiles as people showed off the result of their morning's efforts. Baukje also explained the history and origin of the Kerstkrans. There was a tradition, where letters were baked relating to the person's first name.



There was always a special letter "M" for Mama. This tradition later transcended into Chocolate letters. She had prepared a few samples of Almond filled pastry items, which we all shared with a coffee or tea. Everyone that came was happy that they received what they came for.



Many look forward to the next cooking class on the 8th December 2022 – Bitterkoekjes Pudding, as well as how to make Krokette & Bitterballen in either February or March 2023. If you are interested in registering for a future cooking class, please send your request through to baukje.walkington@gmail.com Jan Zwartkruis.



The Seniors' Club goes to the Amaze Miniature Park

The Seniors' Club.

We had another good Seniors meeting on the 3rd of November and many stayed longer after lunch to continue the games that they were playing before lunch. It was the first time in quite a while that this many people stayed as late as 3:00PM. It was quite evident that many were having a very good time.

On Tuesday 15th November the Seniors Club went on an outing sponsored by Neerlandia. We assembled at the Rhein Donau Club between 9:30am and 10:00am, by which time our bus had arrived and we boarded it for an hour long drive to "The Amaze" Miniature Park in Mandurah.

Our driver Kerry had put on some 50's music for our entertainment. Her only stipulations were; seatbelts were compulsory and dancing in the aisles was not allowed.

When we arrived, we were greeted by a Staff Member with a broad Canadian accent. Turns out he was born in Tasmania but spent 40 years in Canada. Nevertheless, he guided all of us as to what was where and extended a warm welcome. Most of our Members were anxious for a caffeine fix and visited the Coffee shop which was now extremely busy.

When walking around you could see many miniature buildings and settings. It does not compare to Madurodam in size or height, but it was nevertheless extremely attractive. It also has a Maze, in which you could lose your directions and potentially go around in circles, never finding the exit. Then there is a playground for the tiny tots as well as a mini golf area for the more senior guests. It would certainly appeal to a family as an outing for a day.

After having been there for an hour, it was time to set off for our lunch stop at the Ravenswood Hotel alongside the Murray River. It was a quaint old-style hotel with many appealing features. Our lunch consisted of a choice between Fish & Chips, either grilled or



The Seniors' Club goes to the Amaze Miniature Park



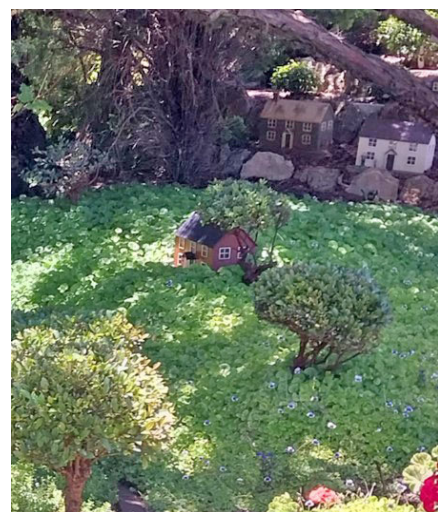
battered and Chicken and Chips. Dessert was a slice of Pavlova, topped with fresh fruit salad and cream.

By 2:00pm it was time to board the bus once again for our homeward journey. It was a comfortable ride home and we were back at the Rhein Donau Club just before 3:00 PM, allowing everyone to go home before peak hour.

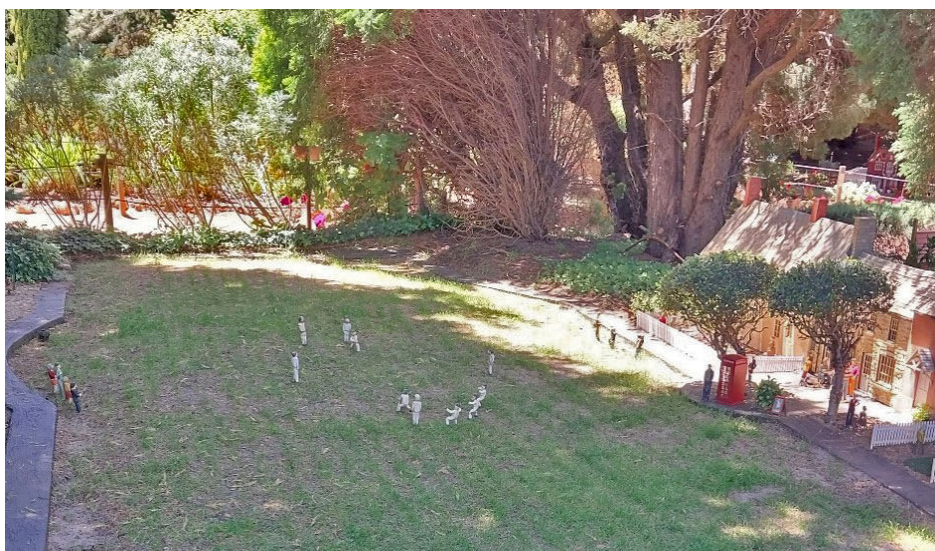
We thank Neerlandia for their sponsorship and to allow us to enjoy this wonderful outing.

As can be seen, our Seniors enjoy a great time at our regular Thursday meetings every fortnight as well as when we go out on a trip to places, we may not have seen before.

If you too are looking for that social contact, play the various games and discuss issues like your life, your experiences and days of old, why not join us. We always welcome guests who may decide to become members of our club. For more information, please contact John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or send an email to terjohnz@gmail.com



Every member of our Seniors Club wishes all Neerlandia Members, their families, and friends a very Merry and Joyous Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year 2023.



The Sunday Drives and Snooker Club



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL KLAVERJAS PLAYERS.

Due to popular demand, we have decided to recommence the popular Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

There will be one more Sunday Drive held this year.

That competition will be held on the 4th of December. In 2023, after the summer break, the first Drive will be held on the 5th of February 2023.

The November Sunday Drive.

The attendance was not as good as expected, mainly due to illness, but we still had 13 players that showed up. This meant 3 tables + 1 spare player. This problem was solved when Jan Zwartkruis and Piet Segers agreed to share one spot, which meant they played two games each instead of the customary 4.

We welcomed one new player Thea Stroop, who lives in the same Village as Joke Brussaard.

She plays bridge on Thursday evenings, which prevents her from joining on Thursday Nights. But one never knows.

Also putting in an appearance were Bettina Tonkin and Elly Schenkelaars. Great to have you both back playing cards, even if it is only with the Sunday Drives for the time being.

After 2 games, it was Lunch time and the Lunch was good as usual. The competition itself was tight and very competitive and the results were in doubt until the last list was handed in.

The Winners were:

1st - Joke Brussaard - 6442 points
2nd - Margaret Bosland - 6425 points, only 17 points behind.
3rd - Bettina Tonkin - 6397 points, only 28 points behind but 64 points ahead of the 4th placegetters Piet Segers and me, Jan Zwartkruis on 6333 points.

Congratulations to the winners and we hope to see you all, plus a few others, on Sunday the 4th of December for the last Sunday Drive in 2022 as well as on the 5th of February 2023.

All Card Club Neerlandia wish all Neerlandia Members, their families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year, 2023.

Jan Zwartkruis/Piet Leeftang



From l.t.r.: Bettina Tonkin 3rd, Margaret Bosland 2nd and Joke Brussaard 1st.

Members Birthdays and New Members

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of December 2022. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Leeflang	Pieter
Baldé	Ineke
Shepherd	Johanna
Maarssen	John
Ioppolo	Regine
Steyntjes	Leo
Schaafsma	Ray
Rusken-Walkington	Baukje
Koldenhoven	Henri
White	Gloria
Groos	Rosalie
van Rees	Martin
de Graaf	Desiree
Akerboom	Joy
Reitzenstein	Ludwig
Niemann	Catharina
Weggelaar	Marcel
Hessing	Astrid
Raayen	Janke
Bloks	Thea
Zwartkruis	Emma
van Waaijenburg	Mariska
Gorter	Thea
van de Velde	Mieke
Butler	Anthonina
Mitchell	Wilma
Hill	Joan
Uyen	Bernie
Loomans	Louise

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of January 2022. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Haanskorf	Robert
van Pelt	Theo
van Wel	Inekevan
den Belt	Henk
Voorn	Anne

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(January Birthdays, cont.)

James	Gerry
Jutte	Ida
van der Vliet	Johanna
Bouwman	Peter
van Doorn	Ton
Stulcbauer	Tilly
Boersma	Annette
Schoof	Eddy
Parker	Barrie
Schaap	Arie
Chase	Roy
Grimm	Aleksej
Anderson	Marilou
van 't Westeinde	Peter
Martin	Mary
Kamps	Hanny
Cameron-	
Hoogeveen	Tinie
van der Heiden	Willem
Berg	Rick
Metcalf	Arron
de Geeter	Jan
van Rullen	Andreas

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NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

**Alvin Hogan
Reske Hogan
Jenny Geurts
Arend van Ryan**

May a bit of Humour light up your Day

Date night.

A couple were dining out when the wife noticed a familiar face at the bar. She looked at him for a moment, before recognising him as an old flame.



"Honey," she whispered to her husband and pointed out the man.

"That guy at the bar has been drinking like that since I left him seven years ago."

Her husband shook his head without even looking up and answered: "Don't be silly, no one would celebrate that long."

A bad day at the casino.

A lady is having a bad day at the table in the casino. Down to her last \$100, completely exasperated, she cries: "What rotten luck! What in the world should I do now?"

A man next to her, trying to calm her down a bit, calmly suggests: "Why don't you play your age?"

He walks away. Moments later, he hears a great commotion at the roulette table. He thinks maybe she finally won.

He rushes back to the table and pushes his way through the crowd. He is stunned to see the lady lying on the floor with the table operator kneeling over her.

He asks: "What happened? Is she all right?"

"I don't know," the table operator answers.

"She put everything on number 50 and when 66 came up, she screamed and then fainted."



A young woman sitting in a coffee shop.



A young woman was sitting in a coffee shop. She was speaking exceptionally loudly to her friend about what her idea of the perfect man would be.

She said: "The man I am going to marry has to be a shining light amongst company. He has to be musical. He must tell jokes all the time. He needs to sing and entertain me always. And, he needs to stay home at night! I won't accept anything less."

An old granny who was sitting behind her overheard the conversation. She turned around and said to the young woman:

"Honey, if that's all you want, just get a TV!"

The young woman and the fortune teller.



A young woman went to see a fortune teller. She held out her palm and the fortune teller closed her eyes.

Eventually, she opened them and said: "You will be poor and unhappy, until you reach the age of fifty."

"What happens when I'm fifty?" asked the young woman.

"Nothing," answered the fortune teller.

"But you'll be used to it by then."

May a bit of Humour light up your Day



Rottnest Day Trip Sunday, 15 January 2023

It's that time of year again where the Neerlandia Dutch Club of WA invite you and your family to a fun filled day at Rottnest Island!

Come and join in for a day of cycling, snorkeling and a picnic lunch on the Island.

On our return to Fremantle we continue on to Bar Orient for dinner and some optional Karaoke for those brave enough to get in front of the microphone.

If you would like to join us, please sign up on the form tinypost.com/servlet/post?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.neerlandia.nl%2Frottnest

RSVP by Monday 2/1/2023

The finer details:

Meet at North Port Fremantle Rottnest Express terminal no later than 7:30am for group check-in, ferry departs at 8am. Bring a picnic lunch to share with the group on the Island.

Return ferry will be departing Rottnest at 5:30pm and arrive back in Fremantle at 6:15pm.

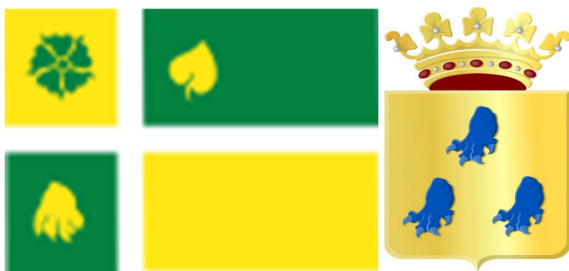
We then meet at Bar Orient, 39 High Street in Fremantle for a 6:30pm dinner followed by Karaoke at 8pm

Ferry ticket pricing: Adults \$53 / Members price \$25 Concession/Student \$51/Members price \$22
Child (up to 12yrs) \$37/ Member price \$15 Bike hire \$17



If you have any further questions please contact Machiel at mvdstelt@gmail.com

Diepenheim – small Town in Hof van Twente



Flag & Coat of Arms, Hof van Twente.

Hof van Twente is a Municipality in the Province of Overijssel, which is in the East of the Netherlands. The Municipality was established 1 January 2001 as the result of the merger of the **Municipalities of Diepenheim, Goor, Markelo, Ambt & Delden.**

In Hof van Twente ("Garden of Twente") it is possible to wander around on foot or by bicycle.

The Municipality has many small woods, old water mills, beautiful country houses and small Castles with their Parks and Gardens. As well small lanes wind through the countryside, ideal for walking and cycling. The area is also well known for its Culture arts and exhibitions. Therefore, many tourists visit this rural area. They stay in small hotels, holiday resorts, on camping sites and even stay at farms.

Castle Warmelo:

This Castle is situated very close to Diepenheim. Its is still occupied but its Gardens are open to the public every summer, when open air concerts and other events are held.

At Christmas, the gardens are lit up with Christmas lights and Markets are being held.



Gardens of Castle Warmelo.



Gardens at Castle Warmelo.

Twickle Castle:

This Castle, just outside Delden, is surrounded by a beautiful 10,000-acre estate. The estate with its stunning Castle gardens can only be observed from the outside, as it is privately owned, but the major part of its Parks and Woods (60 square km) are freely accessible.



Twickle Castle.

Salt Museum:

Delden also has the Dutch Salt Museum (Zoutmuseum), about salt, its history, use and mining. This is well worth a visit.

Castle Weldam:

This Castle lies between Markelo and Goor, is inhabited by the



Interesting walking trails.



Fantastic Sand sculptures can be seen.

Diepenheim – small Town in Hof van Twente



The participants for the Shooters Parade getting organized.

German noble family of Solms-Sonnenwalde. The beautiful gardens of this Castle are free to visit. The Castle's forest is freely accessible as well.

The Shooters Parade in Diepenheim:

The march of the Diepenheim Shooters is steeped in tradition. Three companies of Shooting Guards were established in the Middle Ages to protect the various Towns.

In the 18th Century they were combined and formed one company which later on became a very popular Social Club. They hold an annual Parade and shooting Festival.



The Parade goes along the old Town Hall and the three Castles in the district and always take place on the Saturday afternoon of the last weekend in September. The Parade shows the Shooters in traditional costumes and in the Parade are Harmony Bands, Marching girls as well as the chosen King and his Royal wife in a horse-drawn wagon.

At the Town Hall the Parade is welcomed by the Lord Mayor and at the 3 Castles by the Castle residents. The parade finally reaches the festival grounds, where the

The Parade is about 3 km long.

games take place all during a Carnival with stalls providing all sorts of refreshments. The games consist of the King's Shooting Competition for the men, bird throwing for the women, as well as musical chairs. The winners on the competitions will become King and his Royal Wife the following year. Diepenheim has 3000 inhabitants and 1200 of them are Members of the Shooters Club.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



Some of the colourful shooters , the Harmony Band and some Marching Girls.

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CODE WORD PUZZLE

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and it was difficult to find the first words.

But once the words: **Tortuous**, **Nonsense** and **Grandeur** were found, the rest became much easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:

A=15; B=8; C=23; D=3; E=20;
F=17; G=12; H=19; I=26; J=25;
K=5; L=14; M=24; N=11; O=2;
P=22; Q=7; R=16; S=18; T=13;
U=6; V=4; W=21; X=9; Y=10; Z=1.

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

This puzzle looked easy as the first word was a gimmy. But that was false hope. Then you had to find the words **Infinite**, **Freezer**, **Winnings** or **Migraine** before you were on your way.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:

A=15; B=22; C=16; D=4; E=6;
F=20; G=9; H=5; I=8; J=26; K=14;
L=11; M=19; N=21; O=3; P=12;
Q=10; R=7; S=23; T=25; U=2; V=1;
W=17; X=18; Y=24; Z=13.

Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 979 Easy Puzzle

	1		8			4	7	
4	7			3	5		2	
		2						
	8			4			3	
		5		8	6			
		3	2				8	
	6					7		
1			6	5		9		
	3	9	7	2				

Sudoku 979 Moderate Puzzle

		3		9	7			
		1		8				
	6					1		9
	3			6		4		
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9							4	
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CODE WORD PUZZLE.

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle and then start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out, you can erase it and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z. *To find the first three words of last month's Codebreaker was not all that easy.*

*The first 3 words I found were **Radar, Radii and Chassis** and once those 3 words were found, it was still hard to keep going. The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:*
A=20; B=23; C=12; D=5;
E=10; F=26; G=25; H=6; I=3;
J=7; K=18; L=14; M=17;
N=19; O=9; P=4; Q=11; R=22;
S=21; T=1; U=16; V=8; W=13;
X=24; Y=2; Z=15.

Last month's Sudoku Easy 978 solution.

1	8	4	3	9	6	5	2	7
9	5	7	8	1	2	3	4	6
6	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	1
2	3	5	1	6	8	4	7	9
7	6	8	9	2	4	1	3	5
4	1	9	7	3	5	2	6	8
3	7	1	2	8	9	6	5	4
5	9	2	6	4	1	7	8	3
8	4	6	5	7	3	9	1	2

Last month's Sudoku Medium 978 solution.

2	8	9	1	3	6	4	7	5
1	4	7	5	9	8	3	6	2
3	5	6	4	7	2	8	9	1
5	3	1	2	4	9	7	8	6
6	7	4	8	1	5	2	3	9
8	9	2	7	6	3	1	5	4
7	1	8	9	5	4	6	2	3
9	2	3	6	8	1	5	4	7
4	6	5	3	2	7	9	1	8

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